AHO Conference
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Vienna - Berlin

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PROGRAM

AHO
Association of Holocaust Organizations
Conference, Vienna

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Sunday – November 4th, 2012

Arrival of the Members of AHO

07.00 pm  Reception – hosted by the Federal Ministry for Education, Arts and Culture at Jewish Museum Vienna, Dorotheergasse 11, 1010 Vienna
Welcome address by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education and Danielle SPERA - Director of the Museum

Monday - November 5th, 2012:

Mauthausen Memorial and Hartheim Memorial

06:30  Individual Taxis to Ballhausplatz, 1010 Vienna

07.00  Departure to Mauthausen (by bus)

09.30  Arrival at Mauthausen Memorial

09.30 – 11.00  Welcome address by Barbara GLÜCK Head of Department - Mauthausen Memorial of the Federal Ministry for Interior

Guided tour of Mauthausen Memorial (5 groups)

11.00 – 11.30  Coffee break

11.30 – 12.30  The new pedagogical concept of Mauthausen Memorial
Yariv LAPID - Head of pedagogical unit

12.30 – 01.30 pm  Lunch – hosted by the Federal Ministry for Interior
01.30 pm – 02.30 pm  Transfer to Hartheim Memorial (by bus)
02.30 pm – 04.00 pm  Welcome by Director Irene LEITNER
Guided tour of Hartheim Memorial
04.00 pm – 06.30 pm  Return to Vienna (by bus)
06.30 pm – 08.00 pm  Reception, hosted by President of Parliament, Barbara PRAMMER,
Palais Epstein, Dr.-Karl-Renner-Ring 3, 1010 Vienna

Tuesday - November 6th, 2012

“Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research in Austria
– Achievements and Challenges”

Venue: Austrian Academy of Sciences,
Sonnenfelsgasse 19, 1010 Vienna;
Theatersaal

09.00 – 10.00  Session I – “Perceptions of Austrian Perpetrators in the Austrian
culture of remembrance”

Chair:
Claudia KURETSIDIS-HAIDER
Austrian Research Centre for Post War Trials

Presenter/Speaker:
Brigitte BAILER
Academic Director of the Documentation Archive of Austrian Resistance

Discussant:
Till HILMAR
Verein GEDENKDIENST Association for historical and political education and international dialogue

10.00 – 11.00  Session II - „Teaching about the Roma Genocide –
Achievements and Challenges“

Chair:
Martina MASCHKE
Head of Department for international bilateral Affairs of the Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Arts and Culture

Presenter/Speaker:
Gerhard BAUMGARTNER
Historian and Roma Expert

11.00 – 11.30  Coffee break
11.30 – 12.30  
*Session III - „Remembrance Cultures in Former Perpetrator Countries – Differences and Similarities”*

**Chair:**  
William Shulman  
President, Association of Holocaust Organizations

**Panel discussion:**  
Hannah LESSING  
Secretary General of the National Fund of the Republic of Austria

Heidemarie UHL  
Professor at the Austrian Academy of Sciences and the University of Vienna

Adalbert WAGNER  
Chairperson Verein GEDENKDIENST – Association for historical and political education and international dialogue

Bernhard PURIN  
Director of the Jewish Museum Munich, Germany

12.30 – 01.30 pm  
Buffet Lunch – hosted by the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs

01.30 pm – 2.30 pm  
*Session IV - „Holocaust Education in Context. New Approaches and Challenges: Human Rights Education, Genocide Prevention, Multicultural Classrooms, Concepts of Totalitarianism” (findings of the 2011 Conference in Vienna)*

**Chair:**  
Michael HAIDER  
Deputy Head Austrian ITF Delegation - Ministry for European and International Affairs

**Presenter/Speaker:**  
Heidemarie UHL  
Professor at the Austrian Academy of Science and the University of Vienna

Werner DREIER  
Director - Verein _erinnern.at_
02.45 pm – 04.15 pm  

**Optional:**

- ) Jewish Vienna – guided tour

**Tour I**  
Main Synagogue, Seitenstettengasse/Holocaust-Monument, Judenplatz

The Main Synagogue as historical area: from the difficulties of the foundation of the 3rd Jewish community in the 19th century to Jewish life in Vienna today. Rachel Whiteread’s Shoah Monument on Judenplatz commemorates more than 65,000 Austrian Jews who were killed during 1938 and 1945. The idea and its location invite to reflect about remembrance of the Shoah in the 21st century.

**Tour II**  
Walking Vienna

The tour combines Jewish past and presence: from the Main Synagogue in Seitenstettengasse to Morzinplatz, where the monument was built in the 1980s the walk leads to the „Mazzes Island“ - the former „Ghetto im unteren Werd“, point of attraction for Jewish immigrants before and after World War I. This district of Vienna has become a new place of living for Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Republics.

- ) Guided visit of the Documentation Archive of Austrian Resistance, Wipplingerstraße 6-8/3, 1010 Vienna

Individual Departure to Berlin

Possible flights to Berlin (Departure-time Vienna)  
05.45 pm  
07.10 pm  
08.30 pm
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mauthausen memorial
KZ-Gedenkstätte Mauthausen

LERN- UND GEDENKORT
SCHLOSS HARTHIE

OAW
Austrian Academy
of Sciences

Jewish Museum
Vienna

DOW
Dokumentationsarchiv
des österreichischen
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Wednesday - November 7th, 2012

09.30 Meeting at Topography of Terror Documentation Centre,
Welcome by Andreas NACHAMA, Executive Director of Topography
of Terror Foundation

10.00 Tour through the documentation centre and exhibition
(few groups with guides)

11.30 Lectures and Discussion about the approaches in the USA and
Germany regarding the dealing with Perpetrators in Exhibitions
and Memorial Museums

Presenters:
Thomas LUTZ
Topography of Terror Foundation

Mary Lee WEBECK
Holocaust Museum Houston

Chair:
Marcia Sachs LITTELL
The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

12.30 Lunch

01.30 pm Walk to the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe

02.00 pm Visit of the Memorial and the information centre
Welcome and introduction - Uwe Neumärker, Executive Director of the
Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe Foundation

03.30 pm Walk to the Topography of Terror Foundation

04.00 pm Coffee break
04.30 pm  
**Lectures:**
*The Role of the SS in the System of Nazi-persecution*

Presenters:

Michael WILDT  
Humboldt University (Berlin)  
Reich Security Main Office: Young German Elites and Genocide

Jan-Eric SCHULTE  
Hannah Arendt Institute (Dresden)  
A Plethora of Perpetrators and Motives: Forced Labour and Extermination executed through the Economic and Administration Main Office of the SS

**Chair:**
Klaus Muller  
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07.00 pm  
**Dinner**

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**Thursday, November 8th, 2012**

08:45  
**Departure to the Memorial and Museum Sachsenhausen (by bus)**

10.00  
**Oranienburg/Sachsenhausen – Early concentration camp, SS-model camp and Internment camp: the memorial museum during the GDR and after the German unification**

**Presenter:**
Astrid LEY  
Senior Historian  
Horst SEFERENS  
Head of communication

**Chair:**
Richard Freedman, South African Holocaust Foundation

12.00  
**Lunch**

01.00 pm  
**Guided tours** with a general overview of the memorial museum and specific issues:

a) The former concentration camp – presented in a decentralized museological and educational concept – Horst SEFERENS

b) Exhibition: *Jewish Prisoners in Sachsenhausen Concentration camp 1936-1945* – Martin SCHELLENBERG, Head of the educational department

c) Exhibition: *Medicine in the Concentration Camp* – Astrid LEY

04.00 pm  
**Coffee break**
04.30 pm Questions and Remarks
with Astrid LEY, Horst SEFERENS, Martin SCHELLENBERG

Chair:
Thomas LUTZ

05.00 pm Return to Berlin

08.00 pm Dinner

Greetings: Ambassador Victoria Maria ZIMMERMANN VON SIEFART, German Foreign Office
Friday, November 9th, 2012

08:45  Departure to the House of the Wannsee-Conference Memorial and Education Site (by bus)

10.00  Welcome by Norbert KAMPE, Director of the House of the Wannsee-Conference Memorial and Education Site

10.15  Guided tour

11.30  Coffee break

12.00  Question and Remarks
       Teaching About the Holocaust in multicultural Groups

       Presenter:
       Elke GRYGLEWSKI
       Educational department of the House of the Wannsee-Conference Memorial and Education Site

       Chair:
       Wolf KAISER
       Head of the Educational department of the House of the Wannsee-Conference Memorial and Education Site

01.00 pm  Lunch

02.30 pm  November 9th - A Difficult Day in German History

       Lecture:
       Reinhard RÜRUP
       Technical University of Berlin (em.), former Scientific Director of the Topography of Terror Foundation, Head of the Board of the House of the Wannsee-Conference Memorial and Education Site

       Chair:
       Susan Myers
       Holocaust Museum Houston

04.30 pm  Departure by bus

5:00 pm  Kabbalat Shabbat Service
       of the Jewish Reform Community Hüttenweg
       in the House of the Protestant Congregation, Thielallee, Berlin-Dahlem
       Service dedicated to the remembrance on the anniversary of the “Kristallnacht” on November 9th, 1938

       Rabbi Andreas NACHAMA

6:30 pm  Dinner
08.30 pm Return by bus to Berlin-City, close to the Topography of Terror site

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- Stiftung Brandenburgische Gedenkstätten
  Gedenkstätte und Museum Sachsenhausen

- Federal Foreign Office
  Federal Republic of Germany

- Stiftung Denkmal für die ermordeten Juden Europas